

NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2019-20

Your Parish Councillors

Your Councillors are:-

Cllr Don Crawford (Chairman)

Cllr Sue Glenton (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Fiona Blythe

Cllr Fiona Crawford

Cllr Christine Durrant

Cllr Roy Love

Cllr Darren Newton

Cllr Carol Runciman

Cllr Audrey Steel

Cllr John Young

The Parish Council comprises ten Councillors and a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who works part time based at the Parish Council office at the Folk Hall. At the beginning of the year there was one vacancy. In addition the death of Vic Atkins, a long serving and valued Member created a second. Roy Love and Fiona Blythe expressed interest in the Parish Council and were co-opted, bringing different expertise to the role.

Finance

The precept for 2019-20 was set at £25,500. Members consider the expected expenditure for the forthcoming year and take into account the reserves of the Council. Each year the accounts are examined by an independent internal auditor. This year the accounting regulations meant that there was no external audit required.

Grants

This year a number of grants have again been awarded to support the work of organisations based in the Parish. These have included two Friends Groups (the school and the swimming pool), along with the local group of Parkinsons UK who received funding towards the purchase of computer tablets. The post office was also supported by giving funding that allowed the opening hours to be extended. Grant application forms are available to download from the Parish website.

Environment

Community walkabouts take place with representatives from other organisations. The group meet monthly and cover a designated area of the Parish each time. Residents are reminded that the physical area of the Parish is larger than the village centre and extends from Haxby Road in the south to the railway crossing beyond the

ring road. Issues raised are then taken to the relevant organisation or individual which has responsibility. For example missing manhole covers that represent a danger, overgrown hedges and improvements to the road surface outside the Folk Hall. If you have any concerns please let us know and we will do our best to try to improve the situation.

You may also be interested to know that the community defibrillator has been fetched by the Ambulance Service on thirteen occasions since it was installed. This is located externally at the Methodist Church and is, therefore, accessible twenty-four hours a day.

Membership

We continue to be members of various local and national groups and societies that are relevant to the work of the Council. Members regularly attend meetings including those of City of York Council (COYC) and the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

Policing

The Parish Council receives a monthly update relating to incidents and the initiatives that are being undertaken by the Police. They offer crime prevention advice to residents and property marking schemes. To make contact:- Telephone 101 or you can email:- snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk Sadly this year there have been several instances of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. These have been investigated by the Police.

Consultation

The Parish Council is consulted by COYC on planning applications for properties within the Parish. There have been a number of applications relating to tree works, particularly within the Conservation Area. Joseph Rowntree Trust will be introducing a programme of replanting. The Members of the Parish Council also respond to consultations regarding policies and proposals that concern the Parish.

Covid 19

The conclusion of this financial year has seen an emergency situation developing that is beyond the experience of almost everyone. We hope that all residents of the Parish remain safe and well and look forward to being able to return to our office at the Folk Hall. As soon as practical our normal meeting schedule will resume. In the meantime Members are working via email and telephone whilst personal meetings are not allowed.

To contact any of the above Councillors please do so via the Clerk in the first instance:-

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Cllr Don Crawford (Chairman) April 2020